First Annual

Carbondale City Hall

Lecture and Film Series

August 23–27, 1982

A series of illustrated lectures, seminars and films, devoted to the history of Carbondale, and sponsored by THE COMMITTEE TO RESTORE CARBONDALE CITY HALL, INC. The eight afternoon and evening programs will be presented by local historians, collectors and distinguished citizens of Carbondale. All of the programs will take place in City Council Chambers on the second floor of Carbondale City Hall. The afternoon programs will take place between 2 and 4 P.M., the evening programs will take place between 7 and 9 P.M. All of the programs are free, and everyone is invited to attend and to participate.

CARBONDALE 1851 by Donald W. Powell (August 23, 1982, 2-4 P.M.)

In 1851, P. Nunan surveyed the village of Carbondale and published his "Map of the village of Carbondale Luzerne Co. Pa.," with lithography by A. Kollner Camp & Co., Philadelphia. Using this map as his primary reference, Donald W. Powell will discuss the railroads, waterways, streets, schools and buildings in Carbondale in 1851. Line engravings of eleven buildings standing in Carbondale in 1851 will be shown. "A Walk Down Main Street 1851" will be given, and the buildings on both sides of the street will be identified. Powell will also discuss the primary published histories of the city of Carbondale, and will discuss this 1851 map in the historical context of six other published maps of the city of Carbondale.

THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF CARBONDALE (round-table discussion led by S. Robert Powell) (August 23, 1982, 7-9 P.M.)

The first school established in Carbondale was organized in 1810 in the house of Christopher E. Wilbur, a wheelwright and maker of spinning wheels from Duchess County, NY, who arrived in Carbondale and established a farm that later became the property of Horace Stiles. By 1900, there were nine public graded schools and a central high school in the city of Carbondale. These schools, as well as the principal schools established in Carbondale between 1810 and 1900, will be discussed, including: Sophia Noble's Female Seminary, S. S. Benedict's School, Mr. Jefferson's School, the Carbondale Academy, Phelp's Institute for Young Ladies and Gentlemen, the Carbondale English and Classical Institute, St. Rose Academy, Wood's Business College, Squirrel Academy (Fell Township).